

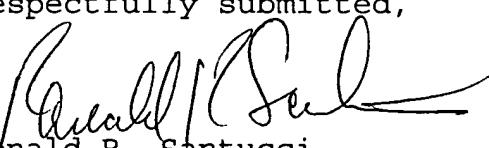
44. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 43  
wherein said coating material is taken from the group  
consisting essentially of: polyvinyl chloride,  
a3 polyurethane, synthetic and natural rubbers, polyureas,  
polyolefins, silicone polymers, acrylic polymers or foam  
derivatives thereof.

Remarks

Consideration of the application as preliminarily  
amended is respectfully requested. The specification and  
claims have been amended in order to address clerical  
errors. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an  
early examination of the application is respectfully  
requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any  
additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account  
No. 501145, Order No. 2126-165.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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APPENDIX:

On page 2, the first full paragraph beginning at line 3:

For example, currently an icecap harvester intends to use tankers having [150] 150,000 ton capacity to transport fresh water. Obviously, this involves, not only the cost involved in using such a transport vehicle, but the added expense of its return trip, unloaded, to pick up fresh cargo. Flexible container vessels, when emptied can be collapsed and stored on, for example, the tugboat that pulled it to the unloading point, reducing the expense in this regard.

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APPENDIX: (cont.)

8. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim [2] 7  
which includes at a plurality of said circumferential  
stiffening beams.

44. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim [42]  
43 wherein said coating material is taken from the group  
consisting essentially of: polyvinyl chloride,  
polyurethane, synthetic and natural rubbers, polyureas,  
polyolefins, silicone polymers, acrylic polymers or foam  
derivatives thereof.

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